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SYSTEMS: WORKING GROUP VISIT (10.02)

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1. EMBOFF GAVE TARENT'YEV MESSAGE IN REF A ON MAY 4.
(REF B HAD EARLIER BEEN SENT TO HIM.) TARENT'YEV MADE A
NUMBER OF COMMENTS ABOUT THE COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY
OF THE US DELEGATION DUE TO ARRIVE ON MAY 28. TARENT'YEV
STATED THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ITINERARY
PROPOSED IN REF B (TBILISI, TASHKENT, SAMARKAND); HOWEVER,
HE INDICATED THAT A MORE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM COULD BE
PROVIDED IF US DELEGATION ADHERED TO THE ITINERARY THE
SOVIETS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN REF C(MOSCOW, KIEV, AND
TBILISI.) TARENT'YEV CLAIMED THAT TASHKENT AND SAMARKAND
WERE OF LITTLE INTEREST FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE
SUBSTANCE OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN WORKING GROUP 10.02.
VISITS SEEM TO SOVIETS TO BE CHIEFLY OF TOURIST INTEREST.
TARENT'YEV REQUESTED THAT US RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF
ADHERING TO ORIGINAL ITINERARY, ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED
THAT SOVIETS WOULD ARRANGE VISITS TO TASHKENT AND SAMAR-
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KAND (IN ADDITION TO TBILISI) IF WE INSISTED ON THEM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S REQUEST, ON MAY 5 TARENT'YEV
ORALLY PROVIDED PROGRAM WHICH SOVIETS WOULD ARRANGE IN
KIEV AND TBILISI. IN KIEV THE DELEGATION WOULD VISIT THE
FOLLOWING FACILITIES: KIEV CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
UKRAINIAN GOSSTROY THE COMPUTING CENTER OF THE KIEV

ENERGO (ENTERPRISE WHICH PROVIDES HEATING AND ELECTRICITY FOR KIEV), CONSTRUCTION SITES, ONE OR TWO (UNSPECIFIED) SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH INSTITUTES WHICH DEAL WITH UTILITIES, THE KIEV TSNIIEP (KIEV ZONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR EXPERIMENT AND DESIGN OF HOUSING AND COMUNAL BUILDINGS), AND CITY UTILITIES INSTALLATIONS. IN TBILISI THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE GEORGIAN GOSSTROY, GEORGIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, CONSTRUCTION SITES, CITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND GIPROGOR (GEORGIAN INSTITUTE FOR CITY DESIGN.).

3. TERENCEYEV ALSO INDICATED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED US DELEGATION. HE QUESTIONED THE INCLUSION OF A US INTERPRETER, NOTING THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE. TERENCEYEV ALSO "WONDERED ALOUD" ABOUT NECESSITY FOR SUCH A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL AS UNDER SECRETARY JANIS TO HEAD US DELEGATION. TERENCEYEV INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS PREFER THAT MRS. JANIS NOT ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND ON THE DELEGATION. HE CLAIMED THAT UNDER THE SOVIET SYSTEM THERE IS NO WAY THAT JANIS COULD PAY EXPENSES FOR HIS WIFE, SINCE GOSSTROY MAKES LUMP SUM TRANSFER TO HOTELS FOR ENTIRE DELEGATION AND TERENCEYEV CLAIMED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THE EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH MRS. JANIS' VISIT FROM THIS TOTAL SUM. TERENCEYEV ALSO CLAIMED THAT SOVIETS WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO DEVISE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. JANIS AND INCLUDE ANOTHER INTERPRETER FOR HER PROGRAM. EMBOFF REQUESTED WRITTEN REPLY ON QUESTION OF MRS. JANIS' ACCOMPANIMENT AND TERENCEYEV RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO PROVIDE ONE.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIVE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM FOR KIEV WHICH TERENCEYEV PROVIDED, WE BELIEVE THAT US DELEGATION SHOULD AGREE TO VISIT KIEV. IF US DELEGATION ALSO WISHES TO TRAVEL TO TASHKENT, ONE WORKING DAY TO ALLOW A VISIT TO THE TASHKENT PHYSICAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO VIEW SOLAR HEATING FACILITIES AND ANY OTHER INSTITUTES THE SOVIETS MIGHT PROPOSE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. (TERENCEYEV INDICATED THAT THE PROGRAM FOR

TBILISI WOULD IN ANY CASE BE AS INDICATED IN PARA

2.) WE RECOMMEND THAT HANCOCK WRITE TERENCEYEV ASAP INDICATING OUR ACCEPTANCE OF VISITS TO TBILISI, KIEV, AND IF DESIRED TO TASHKENT, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROGRAM IS AS INDICATED IN PARA 2. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE VISIT TO SAMARKAND BE DROPPED, AS IT IS PRIMARILY OF TOURIST INTEREST.

5. CHOICE OF HEAD OF DELEGATION IS, OF COURSE, PURELY A US DECISION. WE WELCOME UNDER SECRETARY JANIS' PARTICIPA-

TION IN THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR
POLICY THAT US DELEGATIONS UNDER THE BILATERAL COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY TRAVEL WITHOUT SPOUSES,
TO EMPHASIZE THE WORKING CHARACTER OF THE VISITS. WE DO

NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EIGHT MAN US DELEGATION IS TOO
LARGE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERENT'YEV INDICATED THAT IN 1976
THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE LAST WORKING GROUP MEETING
IN THE US CONSISTED OF SEVEN PERSONS. SOVIETS WOULD
PROVIDE ADEQUATE INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE; HOWEVER,

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EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS GENERALLY DESIRABLE FOR
DELEGATIONS HEADED BY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL WITH
US INTERPRETERS AS WELL. TOON

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